

REMARKS

Claims 17 and 19-26 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration. The remaining independent claims are claims 17, 19, 20 and 21.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 17, 19 and 20 are sought to be amended. In addition, claims 1-16 and 18 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

The Examiner has objected to Figures 1 and 2. Applicants have modified these figures in accordance with the Examiner's request. In particular, the phrase "Prior Art" has been added to Figure 1 as per the Examiner's request and descriptive legends have been added to Figures 1 and 2 as per the Examiner's request. Two replacement sheets for Figures 1 and 2 are attached to this Response and Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections to the drawings.

The Examiner indicated the claims 17, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 17, 19 and 20 accordingly and request that the Examiner reconsider the objection.

Claims 1-16 and 18 have be rejected. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and, accordingly the rejection is now moot.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21-26 are allowed. Accordingly, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action have been properly accommodated or addressed. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and withdraw them. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted
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IN THE FIGURES

Please replace Figure 1 and Figure 2 as indicated in red on the attached Proposed Drawing Changes, where the phrase "Prior Art" has been added to Figure 1 as per the Examiner's request and descriptive legends have been added to Figures 1 and 2 as per the Examiner request. Replacement sheets are attached hereto with this Response and Amendment.